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MEDICINE LODGE, KANSAS.

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1884.

TO THE DEMOCRACY OF BARBER CO.

There will be a mass convention held in Medicine Lodge Saturday, May 17th, for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend the state convention which will be held at Topeka May 25th, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the national democratic convention to be held in Chicago July 28th, 1884. All democrats should attend and select good men to represent us, as this is a very important matter.

T. L. O'BRYEN.

Chairman Dem. Co. Cent. Com.

Harper is now talking of being the terminus of two railroads.

Southern Kansas, and especially Barber county, will hereafter be considered an unhealthy place for desperadoes.

The Medicine Valley Bank is open and transacting business, with good and competent officers.

Marshall Sam Dent has clearly demonstrated that he is not afraid to stand even where shots are thickest. He is a worthy official.

The INDEX will be continued as a live, energetic newspaper, advocating only such doctrines as appear for the best interests of the whole people.

It can't be said that an official citizen of Barber county showed cowardice in the terrible tragedy and its ending last week.

Barber county was saved costs in an expensive criminal trial, last week, through the good judgment of her citizens. Hang robbers and murderers first, and inquire into their motives afterwards, is good law in any country.

Sheriff Riggs proved himself to be a man of nerve, and endeavored to do his sworn duty; but he could not be expected to resist such a crowd as demanded and took possession of his prisoners.

Joel B. Gentry & Co., of Pettis county, Missouri, liberal advertisers in the INDEX, last Saturday sold 614 head of Shorthorn and other high grades of cattle to the amount of \$34,000. Success must always attend those who judiciously smear printers' ink.

It is to be hoped that our sister city of Caldwell will hereafter be more particular in enquiring into the antecedents of its marshals and his deputies. Our people cannot forget that two men who were in the employ of that city are sleeping in Barber county soil, and that their characters were as black and foul as the cesspools of Hades.

Governor Gillick has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of L. H. Bowles, of Barber county school bond notoriety. It will be remembered that Bowles was convicted in Harper county a year ago for embezzling \$2,200 of Barber county school bonds. The case was then partially compromised, and it was agreed that if Bowles would pay back the money he should be set at liberty. This he promised to do, and went to Hutchinson in charge of a deputy sheriff and it appears had no difficulty in making his escape.

An Indian Territory special says: At their last council the Pawnee Indians executed a lease for 12,000 acres of their reservation, at the rate of 5 cents per acre per year for a term of five years, with the privilege of an additional five years. The lessees are Bennett and Dunham, the largest cattle men in Cheyenne country. The section leased embraces some of the finest grazing lands in the Territory, and will be thrown into ranches, fenced and stocked at once.

A careful perusal of the newspapers has failed to discover the first instance where a criticism has been expressed against the action of Judge Lynch in this city last week. All agree that the principle of mob law is wrong, but there are exceptions to all rules, and in the case of the villain who rendered two homes fatherless and threw a whole community into mourning, the populace acted right, noble, grand, and will be loved and respected for launching into eternity the villain Brown, Wheeler, Wesley and Smith.

Secretary Haren, of the Kansas City Fat Stock Show, says that western stock men are not taking the interest they should towards encouraging the institution. An association has been formed, and shares of stock for sale. Unless there are all taken it is not likely sufficient means can be raised to make the show this year what it was last. Our local breeders who have a pride in showing up the wonders of the great west in the matter of livestock, should become members of the association.

Mr. Blaine certainly appears to have the lead as a republican presidential candidate, and it is more than probable he will secure the prize. His domestic history may therefore be of interest at this time, and Mrs. Blaine comes in for discussion. She is said to be a finely educated woman, she was a Yankee schoolmistress in Kentucky when Blaine met her. Blaine had just graduated at Washington college, and went to Kentucky to commence life as a school teacher. His school was very near that of his wife's, and the two struck up quite a friendship. Mrs. Blaine at this time, however, was somewhat romantic, and she refused to tell her future husband anything about her parentage or her circumstances. Blaine's love finally conquered all scruples, and he proposed. Shortly after this school broke up, and the Yankee teacher went back to her home in Maine. Blaine followed her, found that her parents were in good circumstances, and married her. Shortly after this he went to live in Maine to change his life, and so it came to be "Blaine of Maine," instead of "Blaine of Vermont."

A. B. Mathews, of Kansas City, the well known breeder of and dealer in Galloway cattle, had a public sale of stock at Wellington last Saturday, and as usual was successful in obtaining high prices for his stock—the highest averages of the season, in fact. There were sixteen young bulls, ranging in age from one to two years, and these brought an average of \$350 per head. Two cows averaged \$407. Total of sale, \$6,410. Besides being the leading handler of this stock in the west, Mr. Mathews is recognized everywhere as a reliable, courteous and perfect gentleman.

St. Louis Republican: The people of Kansas summarily disposed of the bank robbers at Medicine Lodge, in that state, on Thursday. Death by lynching was inevitable when the bloody scoundrels were taken. It is fortunate that the infuriated people made no mistake, and that their vengeance fell on the right persons. The character of the country, and of the population on the border, and the helplessness of those who may become the objects of the murderous greed of miscreants such as committed the crime in this instance, furnish strong, if not a sufficient, motive for the course pursued by the citizens of Medicine Lodge. A long rope and short shift is what is to be expected by murderers under such circumstances.

There is yet considerable excitement over that "dry tornado" that occurred at Garnett two weeks ago, and scientists are puzzling their brains over it. They had just about mastered all the details of the wet tornadoes, and had figured out when and where to expect them when this new problem, this unkind of event came up for their consideration. A "dry tornado" would be a welcome visitor down in this country among the stockmen, if we are to believe what they say; whereas the new population coming in for the purpose of digging up Mother Earth, would under all circumstances prefer the wet tornado. Which shall have their wishes gratified this year, is now the question among all others of interest.

Not speaking of "dry tornadoes," the Burlington Independent gives the following:

General Harrison Kelley, of Coffey county, who saw the "dry tornado," which a Garnett photographer took pictures of last Saturday, says that it looked, at its distance of about fifteen miles, about the diameter of an oil barrel, clearly defined and black from the clouds to the earth. It moved along slowly, and he was too far to see the grating motion, which was as sudden and rapid. A very near observer informed General Kelley that the actual diameter of the tornado was about 130 feet, and wherever it happened to touch the earth it swept the surface bare of all obstacles. It tore a wagon from the horses and took the vehicle up about sixty feet from the ground before dropping it. Spectators saw the wagon ascend, whirling rapidly around in the diameter of the serpent-like form which it assumed upon it. A man with a good stout parachute attached to him might have been carried a mile high. So clearly defined a "twister" remaining so long and distinctly in view has very rarely been seen, and could not, under any circumstances, be an enlivening spectacle.

There is no denying that just now there is more excitement than ever before concerning the opening of the Indian Territory to white settlement, and anything from an official source on the subject must be of interest. Senator Plumb, of this state, has received more criticism than any other member's, and so his views, expressed in the letter below, would appear to be a proper response to the attacks of his enemies.

UNITED STATES SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 22, '84.

E. A. Reiman, Wichita, Kan.:

Sir—I am in receipt of your favor of the 16th. If you will read my letter again carefully you will find that I did not say I was not in favor of opening up Oklahoma to settlement. I am in favor of opening it just as soon as it can be done legally. You claim that the Indians have no right there, but I think differently. Certain it is that they were placed there by the government, and if they are to be taken away, where are they to go? My belief is that there are lands there which are not necessary for the Indians, and which the government can acquire, which I am in favor of its doing as soon as possible and opening them to settlement to all who need homes.

You are entirely mistaken in supposing I have any interest in cattle in the Indian Territory. I haven't a dollar's worth down there, and have not had for nearly two years, and never expect to have again. If the entire Indian Territory were to sink out of sight I should not be one dollar poorer that I know of. If the Indians, having reservations which they are entitled to, see fit to lease their lands to persons holding cattle, in order that the grass may be eaten off, I don't know that that concerns me. They ought to have just as much right to do with their own what they please as you or I. Respectfully yours,

P. B. PLUMB.

There will likely soon arise a question of vital importance to the property owners of Comanche county, and one that should be thoroughly considered. There can be no doubt that an effort is being made to organize that county, and from no less than three different elements. That means that a debt of more than \$70,000 in fraudulent bonds, with accrued interest amounting to as much more, will be presented at once for payment. It is even asserted by some that it is for the purpose of getting an organization formed that would issue a writ of mandamus that would cause the removal of the proposed town companies in one of the proposed town companies is largely interested in the bonds outstanding against that county. If these are facts, may not the expediency of a hasty organization be questioned?

Comanche county is now a municipal township of Barber county, made such by the last legislature; a suit is now in the courts to test the validity of this attachment, and until that is determined no organization that might be effected will likely be good.

There is no law to keep men from going into Comanche county and settling; no one questions their right to lay off a town even on every quarter section; but the serious matter to consider is the attempt to dig up the old county organization out there, in all its rottenness, with all its buried securities, with the

fraudulent records, piles of bonds and general embezzlement.

To a man who is only entering these organizations as a speculator for profit, without a dollar invested in property that could be taxed to pay that fraudulent debt, it matters not whether the debt is one dollar or a million. But to men who have toiled and struggled there for years to make a home, and gain a small property, it does make a difference. These last are the ones who should hold in check any radical attempt towards a county organization yet awhile.

There may appear a bright glitter to these proposed new Eldorados, but we would admonish all persons contemplating a flight into these new fields, to stop and think twice before acting.

The deaths of E. W. Payne and Geo. Geppert were indeed calamities to this community that will be felt for a long time. They were both to be leaders, movers and public benefactors. Both were self-made men, and did not owe their success to being rocked in the lap of luxury. They had both been tried and trusted in many ways; they had been called to positions of honor and trust, and it was theirs to be faithful and true. Their standing in this community was evidenced by the hundreds who followed them to their silent homes in the city of the dead; youth and old age followed their caskets; those from near and far were here; all politics, all creeds, all religions, were present and shed sorrowful tears over their graves. The sob and moan of their widows and orphans were taken up by scores of sympathizing friends, and brave hearts were opened as if it were for their own dead they were weeping.

We knew E. W. Payne when he was just entering public life in Missouri; I saw the young farm boy from Daviess county enter the legislative halls where all was new to him, and we watched him master the intricacies of legislation; saw him succeed as a bold and useful member, and heard of him being received among his constituents with welcome plaudits. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

We have worked with him here for nearly two years, and during the time learned to love and admire him as a brother, and after closely noting the man under every condition, having seen with what ease he could master every detail in business, and with what wonderful perspicacity he could calculate in the affairs of business life, we say in earnest that he was a wonderful man! His native ability was unexcelled by any man we have ever met, and had he been spared but a few years longer, he would undoubtedly have carved out a name for himself covered by any man.

His death is a sad bereavement to his estimable and devoted wife and his nine children; but they have many warm and tried friends here and at their old Missouri home who will see that they are always cared for.

George Geppert was universally respected and loved by every one with whom he came in contact. A man of wonderful energy, of thorough business habits, honest in every act, the ideal husband, father and companion, he was one of nature's noblemen. He was but entering what must have been a long, happy and prosperous life, and it does seem so cruel that he should be thus suddenly launched into eternity without even a moment's notice. Only the night before his death he had been unanimously elected president of the city council, without solicitation, and in this official position as in all private ones, he occupied, he would have proved faithful and true.

His position as cashier of the bank was one that required rare business judgment and foresight, and this he displayed to a wonderful degree, and in him was reposed all confidence by his co-directors and officials.

He leaves his widow and only child, a bright lad of thirteen, in comfortable financial circumstances; but had he not, they would never have needed for the comforts of life.

Thus do we lay to rest our two tried and true friends, men who knew and valued friendship, who, under any and all circumstances, were the friends of the friendless, the protectors of the weak and the respected of every class.

The will of God is accomplished! So mote it be. Amen.

E. W. PAYNE.

(From the Medicine Lodge Crescent.)

Mr. E. W. Payne, late president of the Medicine Valley Bank, who died from the effects of his wound last Thursday, was in the very prime of a strong, vigorous manhood, being but thirty-seven years of age. In many respects Mr. Payne was a remarkable man. His strong will and remarkable energy made him a natural leader even among those who were his superiors in mental accomplishments. Prompt in making up his decisions, with him to think was to act. That he was a man of remarkable financial ability was shown by the fact that while starting poor, he had in a few years, accumulated a handsome fortune. That this ability was generally recognized, was shown by the number of important positions to which he had been chosen. In addition to being president of the bank he was also a director of the Comanche County Pool, and also a director in perhaps the largest and most successful livestock organization in the world, the Cheyenne Strip Livestock Association. There are in this world a few men who are so happily constituted that they seem to make no enemies, and at the same time are men of influence. There are other men who make no enemies simply because they never have an opinion which they dare to oppose to the opinion of anybody else. This class of men are more citizens in a community. Mr. Payne belonged to neither of these classes. His impulsive temperament, coupled with a determined will, naturally made him clash sometimes with his fellow men, and he had perhaps his share of enemies. For ourselves, though we have sometimes passed sharp words with Mr. Payne, through the columns of our respective papers, yet our personal relations with him have always been pleasant. He has been a great help and aid in our work, and we have always admired his promptness and courage of expression. But whatever faults he had, let the recollection of them be forgotten. What good deeds he did, what noble qualities he possessed, let the memory of them live green forever, and move time back gently with the widow and orphans. The remains of Mr. Payne were buried with Masonic honors Friday. The funeral discourse was preached in the Presbyterian church by Prof. Clark, the house being crowded to its utmost capacity.

Winchell Creamery Butter at 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